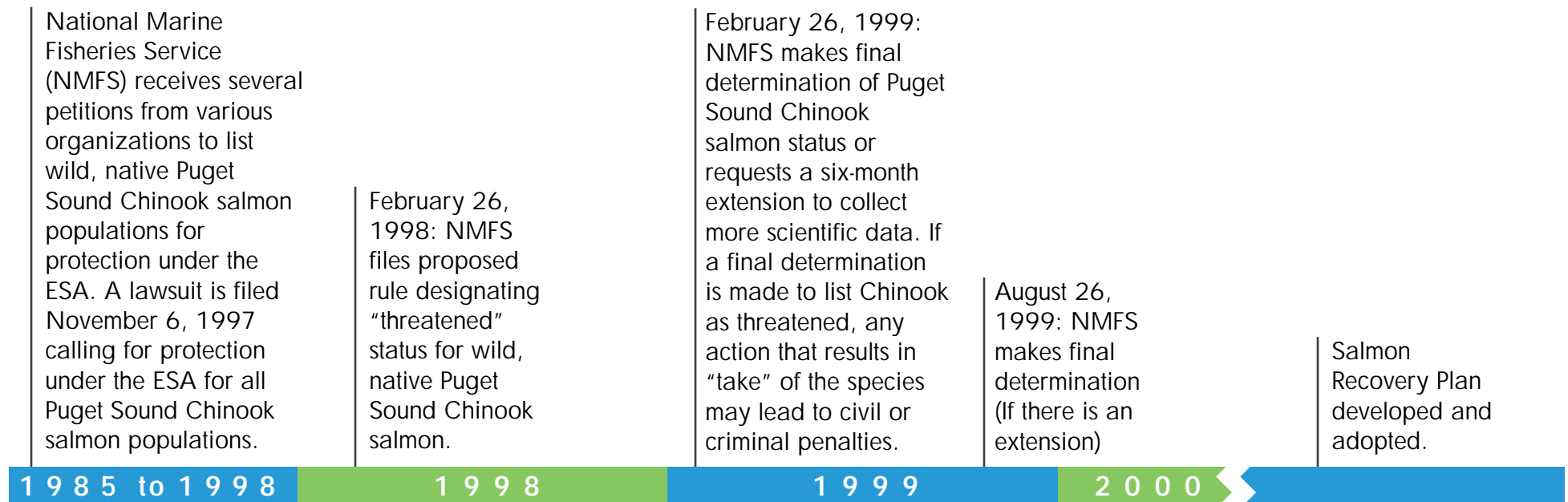


Timeline for Endangered Species Act (ESA) Action



Conference procedure:
During the 12 to 18 month review period after the proposal, all federal agencies must ensure that any action they authorize, fund, or carry out is not likely to harm Chinook salmon or their habitat. This includes private as well as local public projects that require a federal permit, receive federal funding or are carried out to fulfill federal mandate. The federal agencies responsible for funding or permitting these actions review them with NMFS.

Consultation procedure:
If NMFS decides to list Chinook as threatened, all actions, public or private, that might harm Chinook salmon or their habitat, are subject to review by NMFS. If NMFS finds that an action will "take" or harm Chinook salmon or their habitat, it must propose "reasonable and prudent" alternatives for minimizing or mitigating the damaging effects of the activity; if the proponent rejects these alternatives, the action cannot proceed.

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